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SUBJECT: STATEMENTS OF EAST EUROPEAN COMMUNIST LEADERS

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1. JAMES BORWN, DIRECTOR OF RFE'S RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS DIVISION, NOTES THAT BECAUSE RFE BEGAN OPERATING ONLY IN EARLY 1950'S, ITS NEWSPAPER AND OTHER ARCHIVES FROM THE 1946-48 PERIOD ARE INCOMPLETE. MOREOVER, BROWN RECALLS THAT ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI'S BOOK, "SOVIET BLOC, UNITY AND CONFLICT", PUBLISHED BY HARVARD UNIVERSITY PRESS IN SEVERAL EDITIONS BEGINNING IN THE EARLY 1960'S, CONTAINS A NUMBER OF THE KINDS OF QUOTES THE DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING.

2. BROWN DOUBTS THAT RFE FILES CONTAIN ANY IMPORTANT QUOTATIONS FROM POST-WAR EE COMMUNIST LEADERS SUCH AS RAKOSI WHICH CANNOT RPT NOT BE FOUND IN BRZEZINSKI'S BOO. IF, HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS BOOK INADEQUATE, BROWN AND HIS STAFF ARE WILLING TO SEARCH FOR SUPPLEMENTARY QUOTES. BETTS

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